



OLV MARCH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Important Dates

- Wed Mar 2- 9am Ash Wednesday Mass (Parents welcome!)
- Fri Mar 4- 8:15 Mass and Character Traits Celebration
- Mon Mar 7- 1pm Early Dismissal & Dress Down Day
- Mar 7 – Mar 13- 8th grade fundraiser @ Buffalo's Best Bakery & Coffee Shop
- Fri Mar 11- 8:15 School Mass & Confessions
 - Fish Fry Dinner sponsored by the 8th grade class
- Mon Mar 14- Report Cards sent home
- Thurs Mar 17- St Patrick's Day
- Fri Mar 18- No School – Pastor's Holiday
- Tues Mar 22- Honor Roll Presentation
- Sat Mar 26- Sweepstakes
- Tues Mar 29- NYS ELA Assessments gr 3-8
- Wed Mar 30- NYS ELA Assessments gr 3-8 and 6:30pm HSA – cafeteria
- Thurs Mar 31- NYS ELA Assessments

NEWS

- From the Class of 2022: We have some fundraisers during March that will be used to defray the cost of our 8th grade trip to Cedar Point in June as well as our graduation ceremony. We each appreciate your support and help in spreading the word to family and friends!
- Mon 3/7 to Sunday 3/13. Buffalo's Best Bakery and Coffee Shop, corner of McKinley and Lake Ave, Blasdell. A portion of your order benefits the class. A basket raffle is also at the shop.
- Fish Fry: FRIDAY 3/11 and FRIDAY 4/8. Tickets are \$15. Dinner includes fish, fries, coleslaw, potato salad, bread, butter, lemon wedge and tartar sauce. Tickets will be available next week after Mass and through the school office.

- From the Sweeps Committee: If anyone has “like new” baskets they would like to donate to sweeps, to please drop it off when we return on Monday, February 28th.
- Sweepstakes 2022! Tickets are available in our main office from Ms. Paula, the Basilica rectory and the Basilica Gift Shop. Sweepstakes Night is Saturday March 26.

CLASSROOM BRIEFINGS

CLASS	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
SCIENCE	<p>Science 5 is learning about Classification Systems. We have just started studying the Animal Kingdom and the Invertebrates. They will also learn the major phyla of Vertebrates.</p> <p>**A project will be assigned the 2nd week of March.</p>	<p>Science 6 is wrapping up Plate Tectonics. We are going to dive into studying Earthquakes and Volcanoes. It should be a booming and erupting time!</p>	<p>Science 7 is moving on to Newton’s Laws of Motion. Science 7A is going to start a unit on Living Things. We will start with their needs, structural organization and will study the cells.</p>	<p>Grade 8 is just continuing their studies on the Human Body. Our newest topic is the Respiratory System. From there, we will explore the Excretory System.</p>
MATH	<p>Math 5 is working on Fractions, and operations associated with Fractions</p>	<p>Math 6th is working on equations, solving equations and inequalities.</p>	<p>Math 7 is completing their unit on Percents. Math 7a is working on probability and we are working on a project.</p>	<p>Math 8 is completing a unit on linear and non linear functions. Algebra 1 completed a unit on Statistics and we are now on Systems of Equations using many methods.</p>

<p>ELA</p>	<p>5th Grade will continue their study of types of nonfiction text structures. They will then begin an author research project which they will complete as a joint assignment in Technology and ELA.</p>	<p>6th Grade will continue learning how to analyze poetry and their final test will be early in the month. They will then begin an author research project which they will complete as a joint assignment in Technology and ELA.</p>	<p>7th Grade will continue working on their author research project and then present their research to the class as a PowerPoint Presentation. They will then begin a new novel study with accompanying writing activities.</p>	<p>8th Grade will continue working on their <i>Animal Farm</i> theme essays. These should be completed within the first week or two of the month. They will then begin an author research project which they will complete as a joint assignment in Technology and ELA.</p>
<p>SOCIAL STUDIES</p>	<p>5th grade will be wrapping up the Latin America Unit and moving on to the USA Government Unit. We have enjoyed our daily songs based on the countries in the Western Hemisphere! :)</p>	<p>6th grade has been working on the Ancient Greece Unit! We have created our own city-states and will be wrapping up the Unit on an activity on the gods/goddesses! We will then move on to Ancient Rome!</p>	<p>7th grade is on the American Revolution Unit and we are loving it!! We are diving into the Declaration of Independence and focussing on the major events throughout the Revolution.</p>	<p>8th grade is moving closer to the 1900s, finishing up the Civil War and learning all about Reconstruction and the “New Nation”. We will be looking into inventions during that time and how it has affected modern day life!</p>

***Please periodically check your child’s planner. Homework can be found on Google Classroom.**

Remember to please contact us with any concerns.

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Fondly,
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